

Resource Highlight: Parliamentary Manuals

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Want to improve your knowledge of parliamentary procedures before the 86th Legislature begins? The LRL has a resource guide for you! You can download *Resources in Parliamentary Procedure* as a [PDF](#), peruse it on our [website](#), or check out a physical copy.

Of course, studying Texas parliamentary procedure starts with the [House and Senate Rules](#). When House and Senate rules are silent, the Legislature relies on resources such as *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* and the practice of the United States Congress as reflected in published precedents such as *Hinds' Precedents* and *Cannon's Precedents* (see House Rule 14, Section 1, and Senate Rule 20.01). Additional reference materials available in the LRL include the *Texas Legislative Manual*, historic Texas legislative procedure and rules materials, other congressional guides and precedents, constitutional reference materials, Hugh Brady's editions on Texas house and senate practices, and more. When available, the guide links to digitized resources.

Images, left to right: The Texas Legislative Manual; Constitution, Jefferson's Manual, and Rules of the House of Representatives; Texas House Rules; Senate Manual; and [Texas] Senate Rules are significant resources for understanding parliamentary procedure in Texas.

Senate Parliamentarian Noel Brown and House Parliamentarian Collier Read Granberry review a legislative manual for the 50th Legislature (1947). Collier Read Granberry Papers, Box 3Y92, The Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin.